United States District Court Southern District of New York	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
ZEICHNER, ELLMAN & KRAUSE LLP, Plaintiff and Interpleader Plaintiff,	: No. 07 CIV 9521
- against -	:
KATHY COKUS, Defendant and Interpleader Defendant and	Declaration Of Octavio Pena
OCTAVIO PENA, Interpleader Defendant	: : :
OCTAVIO PENA, Cross-Claim Plaintiff — against —	: : : :
KATHY COKUS, Cross-Claim Defendant	; ; ;
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- I, Octavio Pena, declare that I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and could if called upon to testify as a witness at trial would testify that:
- 1. I am the Interpleader Defendant and Crossclaim Plaintiff in the above-captioned action.

- 2. On July 17, 2001, Kathy Cokus ("Cokus"), the Interpleader Defendant and Crossclaim Defendant in the above-captioned matter, appeared before a federal grand jury, sitting in Boston, Massachusetts, that was investigating matters which were the subject of a qui tam lawsuit that Cokus later filed.
- 3. After Cokus completed her testimony before the federal grand jury, she met with me and Nathan Schwed, Esquire, a partner in the law firm of Zeichner Ellman & Krause LLP, at a Starbucks Coffee Store, in Boston, Massachusetts.
 - 4. Cokus had consented to have me tape recording our meetings.
- 5. Cokus has since denied that she gave her consent to me to tape record the statements she made during this meeting.
- 6. I have listened to the audio tape recording of this meeting and I have heard the following:
- a. Mr. Schwed tells Cokus that under the agreements she made with me and the Zeichner law firm:
- she receives from a qui tam lawsuit against Bristol-Myers Squibb;
- (2) I will receive 121/2% of the proceeds from any such recovery she receives; and
- (3) the Zeichner law firm will receive 371/2% of the proceeds from any such recovery she receives.

- b. Cokus expressed to me and Mr. Schwed her agreement that:
- (1) she will receive 50% of the proceeds from any recovery she receives from a <u>qui</u> tam lawsuit against Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.
- (2) I will receive 121/2% of the proceeds from any such recovery she receives; and
- (3) the Zeichner law firm will receive 37½% of the proceeds from any such recovery she receives.
- c. Cokus thereupon signed a retainer agreement with the Zeichner law firm, dated July 16, 2001.
- d. Mr. Schwed told Cokus that he had prepared the July 13, 2001 contract (Document 18-2, Exhibit 1) for her and me to sign.
- e. Cokus did not express any objection, to either me or to Mr. Schwed, because Mr. Schwed had prepared the July 13, 2001 contract (Document 18-2, Exhibit 1) for her and me to sign.
- f. Cokus admitted to me and Mr. Schwed that I had provided to her the July 13, 2001 contract (Document 18-2, Exhibit 1) before this meeting.
- g. Cokus re-affirmed the contract she made with my investigation firm, Lynch International, Inc., and me, which she had signed together with me on July 13, 2001 (Document 18-2, Exhibit 1).
 - h. In this contract (Document 18-2, Exhibit 1), Cokus agreed to

pay me 125% of the recovery she received arising out of, or relating to, the anticipated <u>qui</u> tam lawsuit she would file against Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

i. Mr. Schwed gave Cokus a duplicate original of the July 13, 2001 contract between Lynch International, Inc. and her, that she had signed, for her to keep.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 2007.

Octavio Pena